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FOR ADMIRAL WEISNER FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: EWWT

SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO SOUTH PACIFIC

1. AS I WROTE YOU AND ADMIRAL HAYWARD UPON MY RETURN FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, THE OVERWHELMING POSITIVE REACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDERS TO THE VISIT OF THE TWO US NAVY FRIGATES (HOLT AND WHIPPLE) DURING THE FESTIVITIES IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANT VALUE OF SHIP VISITS IN SUPPORTING OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

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2. I NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF SHIP VISITS, INCLUDING NPW, BUT I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY STAFF TO WORK CLOSELY WITH DOD AND CINCPAC IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM POLITICAL RESULTS FROM THEM.

3. HOWEVER I BELIEVE WE MUST CONTINUE TO GO ABOUT

ARRANGING FOR NPW VISITS VERY CAREFULLY TO THE SMALL ISLAND STATES. IN NO WAY SHOULD WE PRESSURE THESE GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT NPW VISITS. IF WE APPROACH ISLAND GOVERNMENTS PROPOSING AN NPW VISIT AND THEY ACCEPT THAT IS FINE. HOWEVER, IF THEY REJECT THE PROPOSAL OR COME BACK TO US WITH A MULTITUDE OF EXCUSES WE SHOULD BACK

OFF TO AVOID FORECLOSING FUTURE PROGRESS. NUCLEAR ISSUES ARE GENERALLY NOT UNDERSTOOD BY THE ISLANDERS AND OFTEN STRIKE AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE, DUE TO MEMORIES OF US AND FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING AND TO RECENT EXPERIENCES ON BIKINI. THEREFORE, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL AND PATIENT. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I FELT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PRESS GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA AND FIJI AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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